Petition for Exemption From Closed Captioning Due To Economic Burden Case Identifier: CGB-CC-0406

Dear Sirs:

This is coming in response to a letter where you requested additional information for our petition.

- You had question regarding the nature and cost of the closed captions for each program. You
  asked that for each of the quotes we received, from VITAC and Closed Caption Maker we
  provide you with an annual cost.
  - The quote from VITAC is for \$300.00 per program (x 52 weeks) is an annual cost of \$15,600.00 The quote from Closed Caption Maker is for \$250.00 per program (x52 weeks) is an annual cost of \$13,000.00
- 2) You said that we did not satisfy your requirements for the income and expenses of the church. We sent previously the audited financial statements of the church. You asked that the information in the "Schedule 1 for General Supporting Expenses" be sent for 2011 and 2012. Those schedules are attached.
- 3) You asked that we provide more information on the sponsorship for captioning our program. We are a local church, whose sole mission is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community. Our program is a way for us to give to those who live in this area, not to ask anything from them. We will, on occasion, offer our programs on DVD or CD. Most of the time, Pastor will offer these at no charge to the viewer. However, if there is a charge, we keep the cost to a minimum. We have been a part of this Beaumont community for 58 years, and have never solicited any type of service, or sponsorship from anyone. Since we have no intention of soliciting such sponsorships from our viewers, your decision regarding this matter may prohibit us from continuing our Television Ministry after being on the air for approximately 55 years. We have a very strong viewership, and Pastor is approached regularly by people who faithfully view our program. We want to be able to continue in this ministry to the people of this area, and an exemption from Closed Captioning would help us to continue to air this program. If over these years we had been asked by hearing impared viewers to include Closed Captioning, we certainly would have considered doing so. However, we cannot recall an incident where we have been asked, by viewers, to Closed Caption our program.

Attached with this letter is a copy of the "Schedule 1" for our audited financial statements, along with the Affidavit your requested. We respectfully ask that you would grant out Petition for Exemption.

## VICTORY ASSEMBLY CHURCH OF BEAUMONT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2012		_	2011	
SCHEDULE 1 - GENERAL SUPPORTING EXPENSES					
Advertising	\$		S	5,555	
Audio visual		17,160	•	30,599	
Auto allowance		9,600		10,400	
Auto expense		5,719		7,477	
Bank charges		1,447		1,707	
Care ministries		1,043		3,760	
Contract labor		295		3,700	
Contributions		2,100		1,100	
Decorations		2,100		431	
Depreciation		256,033		256,783	
Flowers		2,560		3,372	
Freight/postage		3,485		3,405	
Housing		78,352		84,840	
Insurance		69,604		140,501	
Janitorial		3,153		4,227	
Legal and professional		25,236		24,150	
Maintenance contracts		10,850		8,501	
Meals and entertainment		5,452		6,407	
Office equipment		2,916		6,457	
Office supplies		20,245		10,903	
Printing		20,245		1,759	
Rent		13,568		15,086	
Repairs and maintenance		18,485		22,284	
Salaries		244,646		230,998	
Storage		2,184		3,584	
Travel		265		5,551	
Utilities	12.50	50,652		61,382	
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORTING EXPENSES	\$	845,050	\$	945,668	

## AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT TURNAGE

## STATE OF TEXAS

## COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Before me, the undersigned authority personally appeared ROBERT TURNAGE, a person known to me. After I administered an oath, he testified as follows:

- 1. My name is ROBERT TURNAGE. I am over the age of eighteen, of sound mind and fully capable of making this affidavit. The facts set forth in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
- 2. I hereby attest that the attached, up to date, evidence provided with my Petition Requesting Exemption from the Closed Captioning Requirements of our program are true and correct. I have personal knowledge of the content contained within the evidence. I oversaw the gathering of evidence and supervised its assembly for purposes of providing to the Federal Communications Commission. I am authorized to speak for Victory Temple, and on behalf of Victory Temple we provide the attached evidence to support our claim that the closed captioning requirement would be economically burdensome and would result in significant difficulty or expense on Victory Temple.

Attached to our petition and this affidavit is documentation of our financial status to demonstrate the economic burden closed captioning would put on the church. I further verify that I have obtained this information about the cost of closed captioning for our specific program. I further verify that I have sought closed captioning assistance from our program distributor and that such is not provided by our program distributor.

I attest that the information contained in our petition is true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

NAME

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO, before me, on the 13 day of Och her 2014

Notary Public

AAREN MONIN LEDOUX Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires July 19, 2016